(c) if so, what steps have been taken to meet the challenge and thwart the evil designs of Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) With the on set of summer, there has been a spurt in firing from Pakistan side in Kargil, Machhal, Gurez and other sectors of the Indo-Pak border in J&K. However, there has been no disruption of vehicular traffic along the Srinagar-Leh highway. Government is also aware of Pakistan having airlifted artillary guns to P.O.K. opposite Machhal-Gurez sector.

Constant vigil is maintained by our troops on the border and they are well equipped and prepared to thwart any attempt at misadventure on the part of our adversaries.

चीनी नौसैनिक शक्ति के मुकाबले में भारतीय नौसैनिक शक्ति

2302. **श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र:** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल ही में प्रकाशित एक रिपोर्ट के अनुसार चीनी नौसेना, भारतीय नौसेना के मुकाबले ज्यादा सशक्त और सुसज्जित है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो भारतीय नौसेना को चीनी नौसेना के समकक्ष बनाने के लिए सरकार क्या प्रयास कर रही है?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जॉर्ज फर्नान्डीज): (क) भारतीय नौसेना की तुलना में चीन की नौसेना के पास विध्वंसक/फ्रिगेट, पनडुब्बियां तथा अन्य पोत अधिक संख्या में हैं।

(ख) भारत सरकार उपलब्ध वित्तीय संसाधनों से और अधिक संख्या में युद्धपोतों तथा पनडुब्बियों का अर्जन करके/देश में ही उनका निर्माण करके पर्याप्त कदम उठा रही है।

Chinese surveillance station on border

2303. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proof of the surveillance station set up by China on our border;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANFES): (a) to (c) There are no reports of installation of Chinese surveillance station on our border.

Installation of Transmission System of DD in Meghalaya

2304. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Defence authorities have objected to the installation of powerful transmission system of Doordarshan in Meghalaya and North Eastern region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Defence authorities have reviewed their stand in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (e) Normally the Defence authorities do not put any objection to proposals from Government Organisations for installation of transmission systems unless such transmission systems pose operational obstructions especially in regard to low flying operations. During the last two years the Air Force received only two proposals from Doordarshan for clearance in respect of Meghalaya and North Eastern States and have cleared both of them.

Trishul Missile

2305. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Trishul' missiles naval version has been successfully tested; if so, the outcome thereof; and

(b) what further steps are being taken to utilise 'Trishul' for strengthening our Naval arm?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Naval version of 'Trishul' missile has been flight tested on 3rd June, 1998. Valuable information on the integrated performance of 'Trishul' in naval user configuration has been obtained as a result of the trial.

(b) Further developmental flight trials are planned during next three months, before the missile enters users trial phase. When inducted, this missile will enhance Indian Navy's defence capability against adversary aircrafts and sea-skimming anti-ship missiles.

Missing Defence Officers

2306. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Indian defence officers and other personnel have been missing since 1962 Chinese agression on India and remain unaccounted for;

(b) if so, the number of the details thereof and the steps taken to track them to enemy jails or otherwise; and

(c) how many have since been tracked and repatriated?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) During Indo-China War of 1962 29 officers and 1701 other ranks were reported missing and were presumed killed.

Police Introduce False Witnesses in Court

2307. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned 'Police introduced false witnesses in Court' appearing in the Times of India, dated 14th May, 1998;

(b) if so, the facts reported therein; and

(c) the action taken by Government against the officials responsible therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A case FIR No. 349/89 u/s 302/506/147/148/149/120-B, IPC and 27/54/59 Arms Act was registered against six persons for the murder of Shri Hari Chauhan on 23.10.1989. The case was tried in the Court of Shri K.S. Khurana, Additional Sessions Judge, Delhi. While acquitting the accused by giving them the benefit of doubt, the Hon'ble Judge, inter-alia, observed that the Investigating Officer had introduced false witnesses in order to solve the case. As directed in the judgement dated 25.4.98, a Vigilance Enquiry has been instituted against the police officer in question.

Bodo Autonomous Council

2308. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to solve the Bodo Autonomous Council problems;

(b) whether Government have decided to include 10 kilometer area between Bodo Autonomous Council boundary and Bhutan into the Bodo Autonomous Council; and

(c) the steps proposed by Government to solve the boundary problem of Bodo Autonomous Council?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) A tripartite meeting was held on 25th and 26th May, 1998 at New Delhi with the officials of Govt. of India, representatives of Government of Assam and the representatives of Bodo groups to resolve amicably the Bodo problem including problems of Bodoland Autonomous Council. Though the issues were not resolved, the difference were narrowed